



# FIRE RECOVERY UPDATE

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SHIRE

## BOMBERS TAKE HOME THE BLAZE AID CUP

Cobden took home the Blaze-Aid Cup after round 12 of the Hampden Football Netball League competition on the weekend.

The Bombers footballers won in the seniors 12.14 [86] to 9.8 [62], U16s 21.13 [139] to 3.6 [24] and U14s 4.10 [34] to 3.8 [26]. Terang-Mortlake won the reserves 10.8 [68] to 4.5 [29] and the Under 18.5s 6.8 [44] to 5.9 [39].

On the netball court, Cobden defeated the bloods 55-34 in the opens, 32-29 in Division 1, 32-25 in Division 2, 38-19 in the 17 and unders, and 30-18 in the 13 and unders. The Terang-Mortlake 15 and under side won 4-17 and the division 3 sides drew 22-all. BlazeAid Cobden camp co-ordinator Chris Male, who presented the cup, called for more volunteers to help with the reconstruction effort as grey nomads went north for the winter.

"We would love to get some locals behind us," she said.



With the recent closure of the Terang BlazeAid camp, she assured Terang area residents BlazeAid was still around to help. "Terang people can get in touch with the Cobden camp. We will not leave them without help.

To volunteer, or register for help, call Chris on 0418 745 994.

## \$100K FOR LOOK OVER FARM GATE

In response to fires in the South West of Victoria, the Victorian Government has committed \$100,000 to the Look Over the Farm Gate program. Victorian Farmers Federation will lead delivery of the program to provide community connection opportunities to fire-affected communities in the South West of the state. Applications opened on Monday, 16 July. To apply for grants of up to \$1500, go to <http://lookoverthefarmgate.org.au/> or contact the VFF on [lookoverthefarmgate@vff.org.au](mailto:lookoverthefarmgate@vff.org.au).

## BEACH ENERGY DONATES

Beach Energy, operator of the Otway Gas Plant, has donated \$20,000 to BlazeAid to help communities to recover from the bushfires in south west Victoria on 17 March.

The donation includes a new post hole digger and fencing materials to help farming communities around Cobden rebuild. Beach Energy CEO Matt Kay said the company appreciated what BlazeAid did and that the equipment would help farmers get back on their feet quicker.

"Our Beach Energy staff are also members of the local community, and several of the workers at the Otway Gas Plant and their families were directly involved in efforts during the fires," Mr Kay said.

## APPEAL GIVES FIRST FUNDING

The South West Victorian Bushfire Appeal allocated \$115,500 to 100 applications. Cobden & Districts Community Bank Branch and Appeal Chair James Green said the appeal committee was pleased to be able to provide funding to those directly impacted by the fires.

"This initial funding went to those directly affected through loss of property, stock and other assets and we hope it goes some way towards supporting their recovery," he said.

The appeal has raised \$320,000, including over \$50,000 from Bendigo Bank's Community Bank network and \$85,000 from District 9780 Rotary Clubs.

"We expect that future funding from the appeal will focus on events that strengthen the communities affected by the St Patrick's Day fires." Mr Green said. "Although we have started to distribute funds, the appeal remains open to further donations and we encourage people wishing to contribute to the relief effort to go on-line to: [www.bendigobank.com.au/southwestvicbushfire](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/southwestvicbushfire) or visit their local Bendigo Bank branch where donations can be made. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and can also be made by phoning 1300 304 541."



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## THANKS AND FAREWELL, BLAZE Aid TERANG



The BlazeAid Terang camp has closed up after a prodigious effort.

The 248 volunteers erected 257km of fencing on 58 properties, completing 39, boundaries, and cleared another 45km of burnt fence lines.

The operation consolidated with the Cobden team on Friday 6 July

## GOLF CLUB CLEANUP DRIVES ON

The clean-up is almost complete at the Camperdown Golf Club.

Specialist contractors have knocked down about 200 cypress trees that were killed or irredeemably damaged by the South West Complex Fire March 2018.

Sections of the course are off-limits as trees are removed and burnt.

Club president Darren Frost said the club would consider revegetation options after the area was cleared.



## WELLBEING SUPPORT

If you require confidential emotional or psychological support, available 'on farm', please contact the Farmer Community Support Workers on **5563 4000** or **5232 5180**.

General Practitioners also provide emotional and psychological support, and can arrange additional assistance.

If you have urgent concerns about your own, or the mental health of others, please contact Mental Health Services on 1800 808 284 [24 hours].

Other 24 hours Helplines include:

**Lifeline: 13 11 14**      **Kid's Helpline: 1800 55 1800**  
**MensLine: 1300 78 9978**   **Nurse on Call: 1800 02 2222**

## FARMERS' NIGHT

Saturday night is farmers' night at the BlazeAid Cobden camp. From 6:30 pm friends, neighbours, volunteers and their families can relax and mingle over food and non-alcoholic drinks. For catering purposes, call camp co-ordinator Chris Male on 0418 745 994, email [blazeaidcobden@gmail.com](mailto:blazeaidcobden@gmail.com) or leave a message on the facebook page to let her know you're coming.

## EVENTS

### Trivia With A Twist

Friday 20 July,  
Cobden Technical School, 7:30 pm. RSVP by 16 July: 5595 1202. Tickets: \$10 per person, 50% to BlazeAid.

### BlazeAid Farmers' Night

Saturday 21 July  
South West Kart Club - Grayland St, Cobden.

### Barbecue Lunch and entertainment by 'Bidge' Boyd

Sunday 22 July, 11:30 am - 3 pm, Cobrico Hall, Ewens Hill Road, Cobrico  
RSVP Nola on 5595 1231 or Jan, 0428 374 319

### BlazeAid Farmers' Night

Saturday 28 July  
South West Kart Club - Grayland St, Cobden.

### Cobden Live Music & Dance

Saturday 4 August,  
8:30 pm - 11:30 pm,  
Cobden Civic Hall

### BlazeAid Farmers' Night

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### Carpe Diem, starring John Wood and Chris Pidd

Theatre Royal Monday 13 August 7pm

### Cobden Live Music & Dance

Saturday 1 September,  
8:30 pm - 11:30 pm,  
Cobden Civic Hall

### TDHS Women's Health night with AFLW star Moana Hope

Wednesday 5 September  
Timboon Golf Club  
Tickets \$30. Bookings essential on 5558 6000.

**Do you have a recovery event coming up? Let us know on 5593 7100 or [shire@corangamite.vic.gov.au](mailto:shire@corangamite.vic.gov.au)**